

Minutes of Special Executive Board Meeting, held June 18, 1973, at N.J. Bell Telephone Company, 540 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

The meeting was opened by Richard Proctor, Jr., after which all present introduced themselves.

Mr. Proctor, then undertook an explanation of the purpose and direction of involvement with the problems of Central High School.

Attention was turned to materials passed to all present. It was noted by Mr. Thomas Boykin, Jr., that the list was a combination of those recommendations made by the Central High School Teachers, the Mayor's Education Task Force and BICC, without duplications. Copies of news articles mentioning BICC's involvement were also included. Mr. Proctor further expressed a feeling that some requests and recommendations could be implemented by September.

In the absence of Jules Lozowick, Mr. Proctor stated that Mr. Lozowick was expressly interested in two things: a) He has been meeting with Fred Meyers of the Chamber Education Task Force in efforts to tie in and utilize some of their resources. b) Investigating the possibility of establishing an Education Council, such as the one in Woodbridge. Mr. Boykin, relayed information that he had contacted Mr. Novick of that council, for the kind of information that would be beneficial in establishing a council in Newark. He further noted that the materials when received, would be at the disposal of the Board and Committees. He also stated that if possible, some parts would be duplicated and mailed out.

Mr. Proctor began discussion of each item on the list. It was suggested that all items be talked over first, then those items that can be implemented by September be picked out and discussed at greater length.

Mr. Boykin suggested that the same Business and Industry principles of teaching being used in 6-week courses, be adapted for use in the classroom situation. With business acting in an advisory capacity, these types of short but comprehensive training courses could be implemented.

Questions were raised regarding, what the feelings of the new Superintendent of Schools were going to be upon learning of BICC's involvement, and why Central High School is the only school in Newark being helped on this level.

Mr. Proctor explained some of the reasons why BICC became involved in the problems of Central High. It was Mr. Boykin's suggestion that a letter be written to Mr. Taylor, welcome him aboard, invite him to attend meetings, let him know from the beginning. Mr. Boykin felt that Mr. Taylor should be informed of what is going on, and that it should not be left for him to find out about BICC's involvement later.

It was further stipulated that clear objectives for specific levels and kind of improvements for Central be set.

Boykin felt that commitments could come from Business for some items: a) speakers, b) demonstrations and c) field trips. He emphasized the need for firm commitments for these kinds of things, which would act as a boost for morale.

Concerning field trips to companies, it was felt by some that it was only a matter of contact and scheduling. But more strongly felt was, that if this field trip situation comes about, there will be a great need for teacher preparation beforehand and after the trip itself, some kind of testing to measure what if anything was gained by the experience.

Mr. Proctor suggested that the businessmen and teachers get together and discuss those things that are expected of each other.

stipulated that those things that can be easily implemented be defined. Frank Boardman, suggested that the Central High Commission establish their priorities.

It was noted that Dr. Recktenwald be contacted and let him know that some businessmen will be available for the next commission meeting.

Mr. Hank Boardman, Mr. Thomas Lathan and Mr. Edwin Bess expressed a desire to be involved from the business sector.

One way of starting the wheels rolling during the summer months, would be to set up dates of availability and some kind of scheduling so that when September comes, all the teachers have to do is stir interest for the lectures and trips.

The decision to write a letter to Mr. Stanley Taylor was confirmed.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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